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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 12161

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR NL EG

SUBJ: FONMIN FAHMY'S TRAVEL PLANS

REF: THE HAGUE 4880

1. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO US ASHRAF GHORBAL DURING DISCUSSION AT EMBASSY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 9 INFORMED ME IN PASSING THAT FONMIN FAHMY, WITH WHOM HE HAD JUST MET, HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS FORCED TO CANCEL HIS VISITS TO THE HAGUE AND BRUSSELS BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF ARAB LEABUE BUSINESS AND OF "VISITORS" (UNSPECIFIED) WHO WERE EXPECTED OVER NEXT FEW DAYS. GHORBAL SAID THAT FAHMY STILL INTENDS TO GO TO US BUT WAS UNDECIDED AS TO WHETHER TO GO TO WASHINGTON IN ADDITION TO NEW YORK. WE ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN FAHMY'S FIRM TRAVEL PLANS THUS FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW WHO THE "VISITORS" MAY BE, BUT WE ASSUME THEY MUST BE RELATED TO CURRENT AL DISCUSSION CONCERNING LEBANON. FAHMY HAS INDEED BEEN TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS AL COLLEAGUES  
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AND WE THINK THIS MAY VERY WELL BE THE REAL REASON

FOR HIS CANCELLATION OF HIS TRIP TO THE HAGUE AND  
BRUSSELS. WE KNOW OF NO DRAMATIC PROBLEM THAT WOULD  
HAVE CAUSED SUDDEN CANCELLATION. WE WILL CONTINUE  
TO TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, BUT FAHMY IS  
PRONE TO BE UNCONCERNED ABOUT CHANGING TRAVEL PLANS AT LAST MINUTE.

3. GHORBAL'S OWN TRAVEL PLANS ARE TO LEAVE CAIRO  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13, SPEND A FEW DAYS IN PARIS OR  
GENEVA, AND ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON 17 OR 18 SEPTEMBER.  
HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. GHORBAL.  
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